# Elias Rojas—House District 20 Representative—Alaska Democratic Party Primary Candidate (D)

## **Residence Address:**

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Age: 45

Place of Birth: Watsonville, California

Occupation: Business Owner, Community Organizer, Democrat

Length of Residency in Alaska: 11+ years

Alaskan Communities Lived in: Anchorage

### **Education:**

- Monte Vista High School, Graduate

- San Diego State University, International Business Degree

- Alaska Pacific University, MBA

#### **Political and Government Positions:**

Alaska Democratic Party Central Committee, 2007 - present Alaska Democratic Party, LGBTQ+ Caucus Chair, 2007 - present Alaska Democratic Party, District 20 Vice Chair, 2008 - present Mayor Ethan Berkowitz's Transition Committee, 2015

### **Business and Professional Positions:**

Owner, Alaska Digital Strategies
Former Director of Digital Media, Walsh Sheppard
Former Director of Client Services, Solstice Advertising
Former Director of Community Action Operations, United Way of Anchorage

### **Service Organization(s) Membership:**

Alaskans Together For Equality, Board President NAACP Anchorage, Member Pride Foundation, Board Member

### Other:

I'm a committed to advocate for progressive issues and LGBTQ rights. I've earned the support from Alaskans including Tom Begich, Christopher Constant, Elvi Gray-Jackson, Ed Wesley, and Sheila Selkregg.

"Elias is an independent leader who will work hard for our community." - Tom Begich

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#### **Position Statement:**

President Obama once said "Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek." Lawmakers need to be willing to work across the aisle to affect meaningful change. They also need to have principles that they stand behind no matter what.

For 16 years, the residents of this district have made it clear what they want in a legislator: a fighter. Someone who isn't afraid to speak truth to power. Someone who uses their authority not to comfort the comfortable but to shine a light on forgotten problems and look out for vulnerable Alaskans.

I'm ready to be that fighter.

I believe in a bright future for ALL Alaskans from every walk of life — because we cannot move forward by leaving citizens behind. I believe in laws that protect and preserve civil rights for groups that experience discrimination. I believe a woman's reproductive health should be between her and her physician. I believe we have a responsibility to manage our natural resources responsibly for future generations. I believe in the American Dream and the melting pot of cultures that defines our country, our state and our city. I believe Alaska can be a leader on all of these issues.

I would appreciate your vote. Together we will make the Legislature work for us again — and bring new ideas, new energy, and a new diversity of perspectives to Juneau.



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